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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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TO THE HONORABLE COURT AND THE INTERESTED PARTIES HERETO:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that defendant UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA respectfully declines to proceed before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in this proceeding and requests the matter be assigned to an United States District Court Judge.

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